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pital. Death rate, 22.16. Fourteen vessels have entered this port, been inspected and passed. Eighteen vessels have been issued bills of health for other ports. By request of the captain of the port, 9 pilots have been examined as to their accuracy of vision and ability to distinguish colors. During the week 42 health certificates have been issued to passengers, 69 pieces of baggage inspected and passed, and so labeled, 35 pieces of baggage disinfected, and so labeled, and 27 pieces of baggage labeled "To be disinfected at Santiago."

*Casilda.*—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 4 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week; no contagious diseases reported. Inspected 5 vessels during the week.

*Santa Cruz del Sur.*—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths in that port during the week; no contagious diseases reported. Inspected 4 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Inspection of immigrants at Cienfuegos for the week ended December 15, 1900.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, December 17, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended December 15, 1900: December 12, steamship *Conde Wifredo*, from Barcelona, with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*A case of yellow fever at Cienfuegos.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, December 23, 1900.

One case yellow fever reported to-day.

TROTTER,  
*Quarantine Officer, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, December 11, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended December 8, 1900:

*Matanzas.*—Eleven deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 12.67 per 1,000.

The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 2; enteritis, 2; atresia, 2; malarial fever, 1; senility, 1; other causes, 3.

One case of diphtheria was reported. Four foreign vessels and 1 coasting vessel were inspected and passed on arrival. Six bills of health were issued. Twenty-one health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island. Ten pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 1 piece disinfected. The disinfecting barge *Guardian*, of the United

States Marine-Hospital Service, arrived at this port on December 4, 1900.

I inclose herewith table of mortality statistics for the city of Matanzas during the month of November, 1900: Tuberculosis, 15; enteritis, 6; meningitis, 4; nephritis, 3; tetanus, infantile, 4; gangrene, 2; malarial fever, 2; hemorrhage, umbilical, 2; heart disease, 2; senility, 2; cedema, pulmonary, 2; Bright's disease, 1; uræmia, 1; congenital debility, 1; neoplasm, 1; hemorrhage, puerperal, 1; yellow fever, 1; pneumonia, 1; rachitis, 2; grippe, 1; drowning, 1; typhoid fever, 1; epilepsy, 1; typhoid malarial, 1; other causes, 8; total, 66. The population of the town being 45,250, the above figures indicate a yearly mortality of 17.50 per 1,000.

*Cardenas.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 10 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week, of the following causes: Tuberculosis, 5; mitral insufficiency, 2; other causes, 3. No case of an infectious or contagious character was reported. The death rate during the week was 21 per 1,000. Three foreign vessels and 9 coasting vessels were inspected and passed on arrival. Eight bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

*Isabela de Sagua.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that the death rate during the week was 2.34 per 1,000. One foreign vessel and 15 coasting vessels were inspected and passed on arrival. Two bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 9 certificates were issued to coasting vessels.

*Caibarien.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco reports that the sanitary condition of port and town is excellent. The death rate during the week was 1.34 per 1,000. Five vessels were inspected and passed on arrival. One bill of health was issued to a foreign vessel and 3 certificates of inspection were issued to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, December 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended December 15, 1900:

*Matanzas.*—Ten deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 11.52 per 1,000. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 4; malaria, 1; heart disease, 1; wounds, 1; other causes, 3. The following cases of infectious or contagious character were reported: Diphtheria, 2; dysentery, 1. Five foreign vessels and two coasting vessels were inspected and passed on arrival. Seven bills of health were issued to vessels during the week. Twenty-four health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island.

*Cardenas.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 10 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 2; tetanus, infantile, 2; heart disease, 1; malaria, 1; enteritis, 1; other causes, 3. No case of an infectious or contagious character was reported. The death rate during the week was 10 per 1,000. Nine coasting vessels were inspected and passed on arrival. No bill of health was issued during the week.

*Isabela de Sagua.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that the death rate during the week was 21.12 per 1,000. Two foreign

vessels and 18 coasting vessels were inspected and passed on arrival. Two bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 16 certificates of inspection were issued to coasting vessels.

*Caibarien.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco reports that the sanitary condition of port and town is very good. The death rate during the week was 1.34 per 1,000. Five vessels were inspected and passed and 5 vessels passed without inspection. Nine bills of health were issued to vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

#### GERMANY.

*Report from Berlin—Plague, cholera, and smallpox in various countries.*

BERLIN, GERMANY, *December 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report from information obtained from the imperial health office:

#### *Plague.*

*British East India.*—During the week ended November 2 there occurred in the presidency of Bombay 1,419 cases and 117 deaths from plague—that is to say, 15 deaths less, but 2 new cases more than in the previous week.

In the city of Bombay there were reported during the week 135 new cases and 92 deaths from plague. Besides this number, 210 persons are suspected to have died from plague. The total number of deaths from all causes in the last week (838) was 3 more than during the previous week.

*Japan.*—From September 21 to October 26, 17 new cases of plague were noted in the district of Osaka, of which 13 resulted fatally. Inasmuch as since September 8 of 30 plague cases 20 died, the recent outbreak of the epidemic would appear to be less severe than in the spring and summer, for at that time out of 48 cases 45 died. During the second half of the month of October, 2 persons were also taken sick of suspected plague in Kobe. In 1 case the necropsy showed that death was due to bubonic plague. The dwellings of both, who were at once removed to the plague hospital, are situated in the former plague district of Ono, and have been isolated by the police.

*Brazil.*—According to official information there occurred during the month of October, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, up to November 2 inclusive, 37 cases (and 25 deaths)—that is to say, 9 (8) more than were reported during the previous month, September. In spite of all the precautions taken a fatal case of plague has also occurred in the town of Petropolis, reached in two and one-half hours' journey from Rio de Janeiro.

*Queensland.*—According to the weekly bulletin of the central health authorities at Brisbane, there occurred during the week ended October 13, 4 new cases of plague in the Colony, all in Brisbane. During the week following, ended October 20, there occurred, according to another report, 1 new case and 1 death from plague in Brisbane.